



# Indiana Traffic Safety Facts 2004

## School Transportation-Related Crashes

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In 2004, Indiana had one fatal crash that involved a school bus. An adult male motorcycle rider collided with a school bus containing 40 passengers resulting in the death of the motorcycle rider. The only injury sustained was to the rider of the motorcycle, who was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. The manner of collision was that the front of the motorcycle impacted the side of the school bus. Contributing circumstances to the crash were excessive speed and aggressive driving by the motorcycle rider. No test for alcohol or drugs was conducted on either driver involved in the crash, which occurred on a local road in an urban area.

Nationally, there were 130 school bus related fatalities in 2004.

***"Of the 130 fatalities involving school transportation-related vehicles nationally, only one occurred in Indiana in 2004."***

**Table 1. Nationwide School Bus Related Fatalities, 2004**

Person Type	Age Group					Total
	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20	21+	
Occupant	3	2	8	17	67	97
Pedalcyclist	0	0	1	0	2	3
Pedestrian	3	10	2	2	13	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>130</b>

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